

Washington, D.C. – U.S. Rep. Tom Rooney (FL-16) issued the following statement after the Department of Labor reported this morning that the economy added just 54,000 jobs and unemployment rose to 9.1 percent in May.

“The May jobs report is another sobering reminder that the big spending, big government agenda failed to grow our economy and failed to create jobs. Almost 13.9 million Americans who want to work can’t find a job, because instead of hiring, small business owners waiting to see what comes next from Washington.

“The anemic job growth since 2009 has reinforced two valuable lessons. First, the government doesn’t create jobs, small businesses do. Massive spending through the federal stimulus binge did not keep unemployment below eight percent as promised; instead, it led to two years of unemployment above nine percent. Second, we can’t help job seekers by punishing job creators, because businesses can’t grow and hire new workers under the threat of higher taxes, costly new regulations, and record deficits and debt.

“We need a pro-growth, pro-jobs agenda, not a big government, big spending agenda. We must reduce the uncertainties that small businesses and job creators face by removing costly regulations, creating a simpler and fairer tax code, and cutting Washington spending. I hope the President and Senate will join us in creating an environment where the private sector can grow and hire new workers.”

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